

URGENT CARE VS. EMERGENCY CARE

Understanding the difference between urgent care and emergency care can help determine the best location to seek treatment for an injury or illness.

URGENT CARE

Choose urgent care for non-life-threatening situations.



Cough, cold, and flu-like symptoms



Breaks, fractures, and sprains



Infections



Rashes and skin conditions



Burns, cuts, and scrapes



Animal bites



X-rays



Selected immunizations



School, camp, and sports physicals



Point-of-service lab testing

EMERGENCY CARE

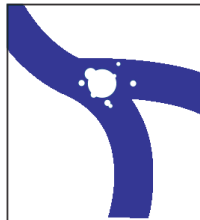
Go to the emergency department for situations that could result in significant loss of blood, potential disability, or loss of life.



Heart problems



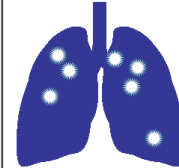
Uncontrolled bleeding



Suspected stroke



Unexplained seizures



Breathing emergencies



WHEN TO CALL 911

Some situations require a call to 911: seizures, severe chest pain or other signs of heart attack, stroke symptoms, difficulty breathing, or life-threatening injuries. If these symptoms or injuries are present, it is safer to call 911 for help rather than attempt to drive to the nearest emergency department.